

House
(91 Green Street)
Northeast Corner Leverett and Green Streets
Boston
Suffolk County
Massachusetts

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Address: (91 Green Street) Northeast Corner Leverett and Green Streets, Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts. Demolished 1960.

Final Owner: Boston Redevelopment Authority; neighborhood office at 25 Blossom Street, Boston, Massachusetts

Brief Statement of Significance: This building is typical of the larger frame houses of the first quarter of the 19th century, demolished for the Boston West End Redevelopment.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Original and subsequent owners: E. F. Ames owner in 1874 /G. M. Hopkins & Co., Atlas of the County of Suffolk, Mass., (Philadelphia, 1874), Vol. I, Ward 4, Pl. H. /
2. Date of erection: C. 1810 (on basis of style).
3. Notes on alterations and additions: The lower floor was altered for shops, probably in the late 19th century. The building was covered with modern composition shingles.

B. Likely Sources Not Yet Investigated: Suffolk County Land Records.
Boston City Assessor Records.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

1. Architectural character: The house, though not elaborate, is typical of the better frame houses built in the West End during first quarter of the 19th century.
2. Condition of fabric: Fair to bad.

B. Technical Description of Exterior

1. Overall dimensions: This is a rectangular building, 5 bays wide, three stories high. Faces south on Green Street.
2. Foundations: Masonry.

3. Wall construction: Frame, clapboarded, later covered with asphalt composition shingles in a brick pattern.
4. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and doors: Present openings date from the late 19th century.
 - b. Windows: First floor windows replaced. Double-hung windows on second and third floors. Third floor windows have three-light sash over three-light. Second-floor windows have six-light sash over two-light sash, which are apparently replacements for earlier six-light sash. Windows are set in simple molded frames.
5. Roof:
 - a. Shape, covering: Hip roof covered with shingles.
 - b. Eaves: Boxed and molded eaves project and support eave troughs.
5. Chimneys: Two brick chimneys on rear wall of the house.

C. Technical Description of Interior

1. Floor plans: Central-hall type plan, one room deep with rooms on either side of the entry. Apparently this house and that behind it on the north (#3 Leverett Street, shown in photograph) were built as separate structures, but later connected and thrown into one house.
2. Stairways: The original stairway is gone between the first and second floors. From the second to the third floor the original U-shaped, open string stair remains, with square balusters, simple rail, and decorative cut work at the end of the steps.
3. Flooring: Floors covered with linoleum.
4. Wall and ceiling finish: Lath and plaster; some walls papered.
5. Doorways and doors: Original six-panel doors with sunk panels. Three-part molded doorways with mitred corners.
6. Trim: The southwest second floor room has an elaborate molded plaster cornice.
7. Hardware: Butt hinges; knobs largely replaced by modern hardware.
8. Lighting: Modern electric lighting.
9. Heating: Present heating is central and original fireplaces are closed; original mantels remain.

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